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ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES 42051/DOB/lp DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) U.S. APPLICATION NO THE CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 unknown INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/EP2004/012615 **08 NOVEMBER 2004 10 NOVEMBER 2003** TITLE OF INVENTION **DEVICE FOR CLEANING FLOORS AND SIMILAR SURFACES** APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Luisa URBANO - Veit Michael HEINZER Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. X The US has been elected (Article 31). [X]A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. X has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. **X** Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. 🗶 An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: 11. 🗶 An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. 🗶 A preliminary amendment. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. A substitute specification. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 16. L 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4),

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This is to enclose:

- Transmittal letter in duplicate; Authorization (Form PTO-1390) to collect US \$ 490.=;
- 2) Assignment to Luisa URBANO and to NOBILTEC S.R.L.; + Deposit Account Order for the Assignment fee in the amount of US \$ 40.= (2 pages);
- 3) Specification and claims with combined declaration and power of attorney duly signed on April 26, 2006 and attached thereto for the above Patent Application:
- Three formal drawings accompanying the specification;
- Preliminary Amendment with new page 8 of the specification, new claims 14 to 26 and new abstract of the disclosure;

We further enclose the following documents:

- 6) Notification of the International Application Number and of the International Filing Date; + Copy of the Request;
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- + Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority;
- 9) Copy of publication of International Application published under PCT.

The priority date of the Italian Patent Application N. SA2003A000019 of November 10, 2003 is respectfully claimed. The Certified Copy was submitted at WIPO on April 1, 2005.

Please place of record in the file the enclosed papers and kindly acknowledge receipt thereof.

Will you please collect <u>immediately</u> the credit specified in the deposit account order, so as to allow the Application to receive an earliest filing date, however within:

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Thanking you in advance,

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